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QUARTERLY HOGS AND PIGS – MARCH 1, 2016

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2016 was 67.6 million head. This was up slightly from March 1, 2015, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2015. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.98 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2015-February 2016 pig crop, at 29.6 million head, was down slightly from 2015. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, down 1 percent from 2015. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.30 for the December-February period, compared to 10.23 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.00 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.40 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2016 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2015, but up 1 percent from 2014. Intended farrowings for June-August 2016, at 2.91 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2015, and down 3 percent from 2014. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 46 percent of the total United States hog inventory, unchanged from last year.

All inventory and pig crop estimates for March 2015 through December 2015 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. The net revision made to the June 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory was 0.4 percent. The net revision made to the September 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory was 1.2 percent. The net revision made to the June-August 2015 pig crop was 2.5 percent. A revision of 0.1 percent was made to the December 2015 all hogs and pigs inventory.

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